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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Allen, et al.	Examiner:	Qian, Celine X.
Serial No.:	09/815,944	Group Art Unit:	1636
Filed:	March 22, 2001	Docket:	R654/75658.107
Confirmation No.:	8251		
Title:	Transgenic Mice Containing Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone Receptor Gene Disruptions		

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

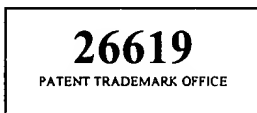
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 12, 2005, said period of response being extended from January 12, 2006 to April 12, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502775, for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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